



# **MAJOR INCIDENT REPORT**

## **A SPECIAL REPORT FROM LOS ANGELES COUNTY FIRE CHIEF P. MICHAEL FREEMAN**

**INCIDENT:**

Foothill Incident  
(Management Team Update)

**TYPE OF INCIDENT:**

Mud and Debris Flow

**DISTRICT/LOCATION:**

Acton, La Crescenta, La Canada Flintridge

**DATE AND TIME OF UPDATE:**

Friday, January 22, 2010, 11:30 a.m.

**INJURIES/FATALITIES:**

None

**INVESTIGATION STATUS:**

N/A

**UPDATE SUMMARY:**

LACoFD IMT 1 remains in place providing service to the affected areas. Active patrolling remains in place. A total of 153 Department personnel are active in the operational area today, including:

- 1 Swift Water Helicopter Team (4 personnel)
- 5 Swift Water ground units (10 personnel)
- 5 Type 4 Engines (10 personnel)
- 2 Dozer Teams (6 personnel)
- 1 USAR Task Force (6 personnel)
- 2 Camp Crews (24 personnel)
- Incident Management Team (25 personnel)
- Department Operation Center (6 personnel)
- Expanded Dispatch Center (10 personnel)
- Mobile Communications Center (3 personnel)
- Overhead support at Foothills (49 personnel)

Evacuations are being lifted in the La Crescenta and La Canada Flintridge communities. A total of 125 homes in La Crescenta have been authorized for re-entry as of 10 a.m. A total of 147 homes in La Canada Flintridge have been authorized for re-entry as of 11:15 a.m.

Residents may visit the Department of Public Works' CARE website at <http://dpw.lacounty.gov/care/> to determine if their home's evacuation order has been lifted. Updates for the Acton area will be posted on the website shortly. We are currently working to lift all other remaining evacuations. Until then, evacuations remain in place for all other areas, with Sheriff's Department providing security in the evacuated areas.



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Over the duration of this incident, 1,732 homes were evacuated in the burn areas:

- Acton: 51 Homes
- La Canada Flintridge: 468 Homes
- Glendale: 343 Homes
- Tujunga/Foothill: 600 Homes
- Sierra Madre: 270 Homes

Evacuation centers provided by the Red Cross at La Canada Flintridge High School, 4463 Oak Grove Drive, La Canada; Sunland Park Recreation Center, 8651 Foothill Blvd., Sunland, remain open. Marie Kerr Recreation Center, 2723 West Rancho Vista Blvd., Palmdale has been closed.

Animal Shelters remain open at the following locations:

**Acton:** LA County Animal Care and Control Shelter which will accept large animals, located at 31044 N. Charlie Canyon Rd., Castaic;

**La Canada Flintridge:** 2 locations - Pasadena Humane Society, located at 361 S. Raymond Ave., and Crown City Veterinary Medical Group located at 2657 East Washington Blvd., in Pasadena;

**La Crescenta:** Baldwin Park Shelter located at 4275 N. Elton, Baldwin Park.

Road closures will remain in place, and emergency personnel will continue to assess the potential for safe re-entry once the storm danger has passed.

An update will be provided at the close of business today.

FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT THE EXECUTIVE OFFICE AT (323) 881-2401